

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
a plurality of spaced apart monitoring systems, each of the systems includes at least one port for communicating, via a computer network to a displaced monitoring apparatus;
a monitoring apparatus displaced from members of the plurality, the apparatus includes at least one port for communicating, via the computer network, with each of the systems including software for accessing the status of at least one region being monitored by a respective selected system, the apparatus including additional software for carrying out a walk test at a selected, remote monitoring system, and including control circuitry to transmit software to a selected monitoring system for execution thereat.
2. (Original) A system as in claim 1 which includes additional software for modifying a parameter setting, related to fire monitoring, at a respective selected system.
3. (Original) A system as in claim 1 where the apparatus includes software for determining the presence of an abnormal condition at a respective selected monitoring system.
4. (Original) A system as in claim 3 which includes additional software to modify at least one parameter, responsive to the presence of the abnormal condition, of the selected monitoring system.
5. (Canceled)

6. (Original) A system as in claim 1 where each of the monitoring systems is specifiable by a pre-assigned network identifier.

7. (Original) A system as in claim 6 where the apparatus includes software enabling a user of the apparatus to interact with a specified, remote monitoring system substantially in real-time in evaluating at least a selected operational characteristic thereof.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) A system as in claim 7 where the operational characteristic comprises a sensitivity parameter of an ambient condition detector of the selected monitoring system.

10-15 (Canceled)

16. (Previously Presented) An apparatus that includes software recorded on a computer readable medium comprising:

first software displaying selectable identifiers for a plurality of displaced monitoring systems;

second software displaying status information relative to at least one selected system;

third software enabling an operator to select an ambient condition detector in the at least one selected system and forward a command thereto via a computer network; and

fourth software displaying a walk test control screen.

17. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as in claim 16 which includes:
additional software to communicate with a selected monitoring system via the Internet.

18. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 17 with the third software including control software to establish an operator specified detector parameter to be forwarded via the Internet to the selected system for installation at the detector.

19. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 18 which includes circuitry for executing the software.

20. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 18 which includes pre-stored information relative to the selectable monitoring systems.

21. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 20 which includes retrieval software to obtain pre-stored information relative to a selected monitoring system.

22. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus as in claim 20~~ An apparatus that includes software recorded on a computer readable medium comprising:

first software displaying selectable identifiers for a plurality of displaced monitoring systems;

second software displaying status information relative to at least one selected system;

third software enabling an operator to select an ambient condition detector in the at least one selected system and forward a command thereto via a computer network; and

fourth software displaying a walk test control screen;

additional software to communicate with a selected monitoring system via the Internet;

with the third software including control software to establish an operator specified detector parameter to be forwarded via the Internet to the selected system for installation at the detector;

which includes pre-stored information relative to the selectable monitoring systems;

where the control software transmits, via the Internet, executable programs to at least one

selected monitoring system for execution thereat.

23. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 22 when the control software transmits one of data or a program to be installed in a selected ambient condition detector of a selected monitoring system.

24. (Original) An apparatus as in claim 16 which includes additional software for displaying images received from an identified, displaced monitoring system.

25-27 (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

a plurality of spaced apart monitoring systems, each of the systems includes at least one port for communicating, via a computer network to a displaced monitoring apparatus;

a monitoring apparatus displaced from at least some of the members of the plurality, the apparatus includes at least one port for communicating, via the computer network, with each of the systems including software for accessing the status of at least one region being monitored by a respective selected system the apparatus including interface software for displaying a walk test control screen; and

at least some of the plurality of spaced apart monitoring systems include a wireless port for wirelessly communicating with the computer network.

29-33 (Canceled)